

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kituka (US 4,592,612). Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kituka (US 4,592,612). The examiner is requested to reconsider these rejections.

Independent claims 1 and 12 have been amended above to clarify applicants' claimed invention. The pressure means is now clarified to recite a flexible pressure means.

In Kituka, the clamp fixture 40 is electrically connected to the shielding case via clamp fixture contact lugs 31. Thus, Kituka does not suggest or teach the use of flexible pressure means adapted to provide pressure contact between the connecting means and the cable cover.

Claim 1, on the other hand, claims a flexible pressure means adapted to develop contact pressure between the connecting means and the cover. There is no disclosure or suggestion in Kituka of a **flexible** pressure means adapted to develop contact pressure between the connecting means (clamp fixture 40) and the cover (shielding case 30). Independent claim 12 claims similar features. The features of claim 1 and 12 are not disclosed or suggested in the cited art. Therefore, the independent claims are patentable and should be allowed.

Though the claims dependent upon claims 1 and 12 contain their own allowable subject matter, these claims should at least be allowable due to their dependence from allowable claims 1 and


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12. However, to expedite prosecution at this time, no further comment will be made.

Claims 15 and 16 have been added to claim the features recited therein.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issue remain, the examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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